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Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 11:04 AM
To: Stein, Kris -FS <krisstein@fs.fed.us>
Subject: Fwd: Using app for collaborative fire risk reduction project?

Hi Kris,

Thanks again for the call, this morning. Hopefully, we can succeed in converting what I consider to be a very disappointing decision on the part of the USFS, into a more positive outcome in terms of building trust with USFS constituents, by incorporating more collaborative engagement during the implementation and monitoring phases of the project.... That is if the USFS decision on the Lostine Corridor Project is not litigated.

This email is the correspondence I have exchanged with Derek Churchill at U of Washington. The acronym I was searching for during our call, is "ICO" (Individuals, Clumps and Openings" method for silvicultural prescriptions and monitoring), with which I'm sure you are familiar.

Attached is the ICO Guide that Churchill and others have developed.

I am also attaching a NW Public Radio story about the use of the APP he developed.

I am also attaching, "Restoring forest resilience: From reference spatial patterns to silvicultural prescriptions and monitoring", a 2013 Forest Ecology and Management article that Churchill authored with others, that provides the theoretical basis for the approach they have developed.

I'll be coordinating with Nils about the Wallowa County CWPP regarding the rollout presentation + workshop focused on the #1 priority Lostine corridor area, being contemplated for mid-April.

Thanks again,
Mike Eng

Begin forwarded message:

From: Derek John Churchill <derekch@uw.edu>
Subject: Re: Using app for collaborative fire risk reduction project?
Date: March 20, 2017 at 1:50:37 PM PDT
To: Michael Eng<mikeeng@mac.com>

Michael:

Yes, the APP and the ICO approach could be a good fit for a project like this.

I have done several trainings for the NFs in NE Oregon, so some USFS folks should be familiar with the approach.

I've attached the ICO guide here. Once you get a chance to look at it, we can discuss

Derek Churchill

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On Wed, Mar 15, 2017 at 10:04 AM, Michael Eng<mikeeng@mac.com> wrote:
Hi Derek,

The USFS's Walowa-Whitman NF has proposed a project to thin the Lostine River Corridor in Wallowa County in NE Oregon, which has become quite controversial.

(http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa_project_exp.php?project=48592)

The project area lies within a designated Wild and Scenic River and follows a cherry stem road penetrating 11 miles into the Eagle Cap Wilderness Area. A number of county residents and organizations are trying to convince the USFS to develop, implement and monitor this project collaboratively because of concerns about the area's sensitivity and legal requirements if the FS decides to use a legislated "Categorical Exclusion" (CE) as their decision-making authority and environmental review procedure.

I came across a story from NW Public Radio about the "app" you developed to assist with making on the ground decisions about which trees to remove to achieve a given restoration goal.

Do you think your "app" could be useful in helping a collaborative group develop mutual trust and build a shared understanding of what various prescriptions would actually mean and look like when implemented on the ground? The goal of the collaborative project would be to seek agreement and build broad support for the treatments being proposed in various sub-areas for the project.

If you think your "app" could be useful in this context, I would love to explore this further with you.

Thanks for your time,

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